

## **FAQ –WEDI November 2002**

When will NDC codes be released?

HHS will release NDC and J codes around December 27 2002

Will taxonomy codes be required for claims?

Medicaid will require taxonomy codes.

If clearinghouses continue to accept NSF formats after October 16 2003, will this be for all types of providers?

The NSF enhanced format can crosswalk data to 837 v 4010. However this will not meet the requirements for ambulance, chiropractic etc. For certification purposes not all providers will be certified using NSF format, Claredi alone will certify NSF formats.

What happens to vendors who did not file for an extension?

Technically if they did not file for an extension they should be sending compliant claims. However there are no HIPAA police checking on this currently. HHS would like to encourage providers not punish

If a claim is error free is it HIPAA compliant?

Technically it is. However an error free claim may have incomplete data, e.g. Homehealth claim without treatment data.

If Providers are using web based applications – who will certify they are HIPAA compliant?

This will be driven by complaints to HHS or CMS

Some practice management vendors are promising HIPAA compliant tool? Who will safeguard their interests?

Providers must verify this with a third vendor and another trading partner like a clearinghouse.

Does HIPAA require testing with trading partners ?

No. However testing will allow the trading partner to identify errors that can be corrected prior to going live

Whose responsibility is it to make a provider compliant

Provider is responsible for the data he transmits. The vendor dealing with the provider is responsible for format and compliance. They both will need to work with each other to ensure compliancy. However it will be the ultimate responsibility of the provider to transmit HIPAA compliant claims.